

The Fearless Spectator

By

Charles McCabe, Esquire



The Cincinnati Reds' relief pitcher, Jim Brosnan, is an adman who has been psychoanalyzed, has won the J. Taylor Spink Award as best relief pitcher in 1961 and has written a baseball book called "The Pennant Race."

The book is remarkable. There is more boozing in it by the cast of ballplayers (mostly gin, but some scotch) than any novel I can recall since those darling expatriates were lapping up Fundador by the cask in Hemingway's "The Sun Also Rises."

Also, Brosnan's book gives a remarkable insight into a little-known aspect of the Nat'l Pastime—baseball medicine. After reading it, you could readily infer that Cincy won the pennant last year because of pep pills like Dexamyl and Benzadrine, and other dandy bracers for the flagging spirit.

The Reds are unique among NL clubs in that their trainer, Richard Rhode, is the only one who can legitimately prefix his name with Doctor. All trainers are called Doc, but none are Doctors who can toss around bennies with impunity. In print, anyhow.

Medically, Bennies are amphetamines manufactured under many trade names. They stimulate the central nervous system. They would make horses I bet on perform like Citation, and so are prescribed at tracks. For ballplayers, no such prescription exists.

Cincy pitcher Jim Maloney was wild one day last season. Brosnan noted that he had already walked six men "foolin' around." Said catcher Bob Schmidt, "Maybe he took two Benzadrine pills 'stead of one!" And Brosnan replied, "That WOULD tend to make you high."

Broz himself favors Dexamyl, which is a sort of Benzadrine with a little phenobarb in to cut down the jangles. "Where in hell's the Dexamyl, Doc?" he yelled, early in the season. Doc said he was clean out. "Order some more," said Brosnan. "It looks like a long season."

The trainer, who seems to have thrown bennies around like jellybeans, gave Brosnan a "bomber" to keep him awake for the bridge game on the long plane trip to Chicago and San Francisco in mid-season.

Pitcher Maloney one day swallowed his "bomber" and pronounced himself ready and willing to take to the mound. "This thing makes me feel like I had 15 beers, only real STRONG," he said.

With this kind of help, the players withstood the tensions of the long season pretty well. But not the Doc. He was the leading casualty of the team. He suffered a heart attack on the eve of Cincy's Candlestick Park stand of July 5-6.

Brosnan comments, "The tensions of one-run victories had another significant, if minor effect on the trainer. His supply of Gelusil, an antacid, had been exhausted in Milwaukee.

"Rhode could not get a new supply in Cincinnati because of the July 4 holiday, and soft painful burping was evident on, and off, the Candlestick Park playing field."

Viewing all this medical aid and comfort, it might be a desirable league rule to control the distribution and consumption of bennies and to include the number consumed by the home and visiting nine in the box score the morning after.

Or, better yet, let the managers come clean and announce with their starting pitchers just what kind of junk the boys will have consumed at game time.

After all, if Brosnan should be hopped to the eyeballs with Dexamyl while facing the Giants, who are using Stu Miller with no more energy than God gave him, then an imbalance exists which the fans should know of.

I'm not going so far as to suggest the players be given saliva tests, like they give horses suspected of superimposed peppines. But the fans do have a right to know. Kinda. Just give us an honest count on the pep pills.

This would be a good thing all around. It would aid immeasurably the gamblers, for instance, in quoting their early line.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



HI-TEENS.

"... but I'm not supposed to wait for an answer!"

Women Visit Supervisors

Twelve representatives of the League of Women Voters, representing the Palos Verdes Peninsula and the city of Torrance were observers at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors in Los Angeles recently. Guests of Supervisor Burton W. Chace at a luncheon following the meeting, the group also toured the General Hospital, Assessor's Office, Juvenile Hall and other County facilities.

Heading the delegations were Mrs. Louis Shuey, county representative, and Mrs. Albert Nadel, 305 Via Linda Vista, president of the Torrance group.

Others attending the meeting were Mrs. Emery Reeves, 420 Avenida de Jose; Mrs. Dessie Hawkins, 126 Los Mirados; Mrs. Warren Shallies, 625 Paseo de Reyes.

Also in attendance were Mrs. Robert J. McCarthy, 1 Acacia Lane, Rolling Hills and Mrs. Hubert Schrom, 3420 Palos Verdes Dr. No. Mrs. W. A. Reddall, 1201 Via Alamitos and Mrs. George Welch, 5302 Bayridge Rd., all of Palos Verdes Estates.

Mrs. Thomas P. Kinney, 2304 Via Penale; Mrs. Harold Tomback, 4212 Via Alondra and Mrs. J. E. Sullivan, 3056 Via Valmonte, all of Palos Verdes Estates also were in attendance.



CAMPAIGNERS . . . Seeking election to one of the seven positions on the Republican Central Committee from the 68th Assembly District are (from left) Charles (Bud) McEnry, 2503 Arlington Ave.; George Heaton, 1816 Calamar; and Jack Montgomery, 3102 Torrance Blvd. Montgomery is president of Torrance Republican Club, Inc., McEnry is vice president.

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Army Specialist Four Thomas P. Cliburn, son of Mrs. Hannah E. Cliburn, 1424-D Hickory, recently participated in Grand Slam I (a five-day Central Army Group (CENTAG) exercise in Germany. The 21-year-old soldier is a 1958 graduate of Fairview (W. Va.) High School. His wife, Karin, is with him in Germany.



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